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Examiner Name	ISABELLA, D.
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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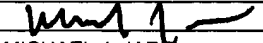
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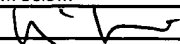
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION
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Sir:

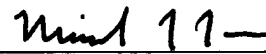
This responds to the office communication dated August 9, 2005 wherein the amendment filed on June 23, 2005 was deemed not fully responsive on grounds that, because the claims have been amended to method format, they are outside the scope of the previously elected claims 65-71 directed to a stent.

To expedite prosecution of this application and consideration of the amended claims, Applicant herewith files a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE). This

RCE is believed to fully respond to the office communication of August 9, 2005. Examination of the amended claims submitted in the amendment of June 23, 2005 is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that all claims are in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned is the Examiner believe that a telephonic discussion would advance prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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